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1. The following quantities of food products are presently distributed on individual ration cards: (in grams)

Commodity	Categories					Remarks
	A	B	C	D1	D2	
Bread	1,000	500	350	250	250	Daily
Meat	1,000	750	500	500	500	Daily
Oil	1,000	750	500	400	400	Monthly
Sugar	1,500	1,000	750	500	1,000(sic)	Monthly
Farinaceous Foods	1,500	1,000	1,000	500	500	Quarterly
Laundry Soap	750	750	500	250	250	Quarterly
Semolina					500	Quarterly
Flour	1,000	750	500	500	500	Take yearly

2. The following categories of ration cards are issued:

- a. Category A, for miners;
 b. Category B, For those engaged in heavy labor;
 c. Category C, for state functionaries and ordinary salaried employees;
 d. Category D1, for members of families and pensioners;
 e. Category D2, for persons not employed.
 did not identify category E.

3. Bread is distributed regularly. A type of gray or so-called black bread is available at 120-140 lei per kilogram. The official price of bread is fourteen lei per kilogram.

4. Meat is distributed very infrequently. Although distribution is supposed to be made once a week, it has been unavailable for as long as three months. The price of meat is as follows: (in lei per kilogram)

	Official	Black Market
Beef	70	180-220
Poultry	100	150-180
Pork	120	240-260

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5. Sunflower seed oil is distributed approximately ten times a year. Because of the small quantities made available, oil must be purchased on the black market. The official price of oil is seventy lei per kilogram; it sells on the black market for 280-400 lei per kilogram, according to quality.
 6. Sugar, which can be purchased with some care, is distributed regularly. The official price is fifty-six lei a kilogram with ration card; the price on the free market in the state stores is 200 lei per kilogram.
 7. Farinaceous foods such as macaroni and spaghetti are very difficult to purchase on the black market. Although the official price is 50 lei per kilogram, these products will bring 300 lei per kilogram on the black market.
 8. The quantity of poor-quality laundry soap distributed quarterly is actually sufficient for one week. The official price is 120 lei per kilogram; the black market price is 220-280 lei per kilogram.
 9. Semolina is distributed only to children under twelve years of age. At the present time it brings 240 lei per kilogram on the black market; the official price is forty lei per kilogram.
 10. Flour is distributed twice a year, at Easter and Christmas. The official price is 20 lei per kilogram; on the black market it brings 90-160 lei per kilogram, according to quality.
 11. The following prices are presently charged by the state food stores:
(In lei per kilogram unless otherwise noted)
 - a. Marmalade 120-180 lei
 - b. Sauerkraut 320-700 lei
 - c. Cheese 300-950 lei
 - d. Butter 420-lei; price on the black market is 700-800 lei.
 - e. Fish 110-350 lei
 - f. Rice 280 lei
 - g. Cherries 290 lei
 - h. Strawberries 250 lei
 - i. Onions 6 lei for eight
 - j. Potatoes, new 45 lei
 - k. Potatoes, old 20 lei
 - l. Tomatoes 450 lei
 - m. Asparagus 180 lei
 - n. Spinach 20 lei
 - o. Green peas 20 lei
 - p. Coffee 4,800-6,000 lei
 - q. Tea 7,000 lei
 - r. Cocoa 4,000-5,000 lei

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